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Hearing aid specialist application deadline set

Columbia---Individuals who wish to take the qualifying examination for licensure as a hearing aid specialist have until August 15, 2005, to submit an application and fee to the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control, the agency announced today.

The written portion of the examination will be administered on September 13, 2005, by DHEC's Division of Health Licensing. Those passing the written portion of the examination will be administered the practical portion on November 15, 2005. Applicants must pass both portions to qualify for licensure.

Any individual, including temporary permit holders or anyone who previously took the examination and failed to pass, may apply to take the examination. Anyone who fits and sells hearing aids, other than a South Carolina licensed medical doctor or audiologist, must possess a current hearing aid specialist license or temporary permit issued by DHEC.

Individuals who wish to take the examination should contact Suzanne Hicks at the Division of Health Licensing, DHEC, 2600 Bull St., Columbia, SC 29201, or call 803-545-4370. For more information, contact Randy Clark, (803) 545-4370.